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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/764,717  
*Center Post System for Transporting Lenticular  
Filter Cartridge Assembly*  
Inventors: Martin BLAZE and John PULEK  
Our Ref: CUNO-330.2

Dear Sirs:

Attached is a Response to Restriction Requirement for filing in the above-captioned application.

Thank you.

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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Martin BLAZE et al. ) Examiner: Terry K. Cecil  
Serial No.: 10/764,717 ) Group Art Unit: 1723  
Filing Date: January 26, 2004 )  
Title: *Center Post System For Transporting* )  
*Lenticular Filter Cartridge Assembly* )

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the Office Action Summary dated September 15, 2005 setting forth a restriction requirement, please enter the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-31, 33-35 and 37-45 are pending in the present application, Claims 16-23 and 38-43 are withdrawn from consideration and Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-15, 24-31, 33-35, 37, 44-45 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following inventions:

- I. Group 1a: Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-15, 25-27, 29-31, 33-35, 37 and 44-45, drawn to an apparatus for handling filter disks, classified in class 210, subclass 237; and
- II. Group 1b: Claims 24 and 28, drawn to a method for handling filter disks, classified in class 210, subclass 542.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner explained that the inventions are distinct from each other because of the following reasons. The Examiner found that Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process.